



Founded in 1928, [Austin Sunshine Camps](#) (ASC) provides FREE overnight camp for youth who receive free/reduced lunch and youth in foster care. We believe in the power of summer camp, and we believe that your ability to go to camp shouldn't be determined by how much money your family makes. Camp is held for 4 sessions of 10 days and 9 nights each. Summer staff have training and cleaning on the afternoon of day 10, and days 11-14 are off!

ASC has two beautiful, unique camp locations:

- Located in the beautiful Turkey Bend Recreation Area in Marble Falls, [Lake Travis](#) offers a rustic setting for up to 55 campers each session, ages 12-15. Campers have the opportunity to swim in the lake, explore the hill country, play a variety of sports and games, experience our high ropes course and more.
- [Zilker Lodge](#) provides an amazing urban oasis for up to 80 participants each session, ages 8-11. Campers have the opportunity to explore Zilker Park, canoe on Lady Bird Lake, hike on the Greenbelt, make a variety of crafts, experience our challenge course and more.

Camp Social Worker

About the Role

At Austin Sunshine Camps our main focus is to provide our campers with an environment where they are able to safely GROW, CONNECT, and EXPLORE. The role of the Camp Social Worker will be to ensure the mental health, emotional, social, and physical safety of campers and staff. During pre-summer staff training, the Camp Social Worker will provide summer staff members with tools on how to respond appropriately in times of mental and emotional crises by using a trauma-informed approach.

During and following summer camp sessions, the Camp Social Worker will provide support to the camp staff via one-on-one and large group sessions to ensure our staff members' ongoing mental health and overall emotional well-being.

While camp is in session, the Camp Social Worker will also be the primary resource during any on-site mental health crisis interventions, as well as any needed follow up. The Camp Social Worker will work alongside the Camp Directors to develop action plans for campers in order for them to have successful camp sessions. The Camp Social Worker will work directly with the Program Director to ensure that programming is aligned with the highest level of standards when it pertains to mental health and behavioral interventions.

Duties Include, but are not limited to:

- Provide training to summer staff prior to the arrival of campers, while camp is in session, and after each camp session on the following topics, including: TBRI, mental health crisis response, behavioral intervention, and equipping staff with tools and resources to have a successful and healthy summer.
- Assist Camp Leadership Staff in day-to-day camper behaviors and action plans
- Facilitate individualized mental health check ins for summer staff members while camp is in session
- Take initiative to stay up to date on best practices when it pertains to mental health in the camp industry
- Respond to any mental health crises of campers and staff
- Complete paperwork and communications following a mental health emergency
- Work closely and be in good communication with Program Director, Camp Directors, Family Communications Director, Kitchen Manager and Nurse
- Prepare and brief summer staff on individualized plans for campers' accommodations, modifications or other strategies and tools that will help them minimize struggles during camp
- Participate in camp activities in order to build relationships with campers and staff members
- Help provide staff, campers, and families with additional outside support and resources as necessary

Tentative Summer Start Date: May 24th **Tentative Summer End Date:** August 9th



We're Excited About You Because

- You have a Masters or Licensure in Social Work, Counseling, Psychology, Therapy or a related field
- You have previous experience in a summer camp environment (preferred)
- You have the ability to drive a camp vehicle to transport campers to emergency treatment
- You have the ability to pass a national criminal background check
- You keep neat and orderly records
- You have experience or familiarity with any or all of the following: trauma informed care (TBRI), Restorative Practices, Family Support, Child Development, Family reunification, child abuse, and understand the legal and ethical standards of practice
- You have experience working with youth with a wide range of backgrounds and demonstrated competency in multicultural environments
- You're able to stay on site while camp is in session (including overnights) (preferred)
- You are able to communicate professionally and effectively with campers' guardians both written and verbal
- You are bilingual in English and Spanish (preferred)

You're Excited About Us Because

- Dependent on level of certification and prior experience, stipend of \$150-\$170/day, (~\$7,000-\$8,000 for full summer), pre-tax, plus all meals/snacks provided while camp is in session
- Free lodging (either at Zilker Lodge or our Lake Travis location), including 4 days off in between camp sessions and an 11-day mid-summer break

To apply, visit <https://ascstaff.campbrainstaff.com/>

Just so you know: We at ASC committed to creating a culture of inclusion and connection. We are able to grow and learn better together with a diverse community of families, campers, staff members, volunteers, and other stakeholders. The collective sum of the individual differences, life experiences, and knowledge we all bring makes us better as an organization. We respect and welcome the unique contributions that you bring in terms of education, opinions, culture, ethnicity, race, sex, gender identity and expression, nation of origin, age, languages spoken, veteran's status, color, religion, disability, sexual orientation and beliefs.